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A RAILROAD BRANCH ORGANIZED.

In accordance with an announcement in last week's BULLETIN, a meeting was held Thursday evening at half-past seven oclock, in the Lecture Room of the Ridge Avenue M. E. Church, at which an organization of a Railroad Branch was effected.

It has long been felt that for some reason we have not successfully reached railroad men as a class. They have always refused to use our Reading Room, or frequent any part of our Building. From a conviction of the truth of the proposition—"It takes Railroad Men to reach Railroad Men,"—grew a meeting for more definite organization of this class.

Mr. Charles May, as Chairman of our Railroad Committee, opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and called upon Mr. T. B. Patton, of Altoona, to preside temporarily. Mr. Luther Swope was elected Secretary, *pro tem.* Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, Railroad Secretary of the International Committee, who was present, then addressed the meeting, explaining plans of organization elsewhere, and their results. Rev. S. A. Taggart, State Secretary, followed upon the importance of the Railroad work being placed upon the same footing as the German, or the College work—one part of a united whole.

A motion to proceed to organize as "The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Harrisburg," was unanimously adopted. By motion, our Railroad Committee was constituted an Executive Committee of the new organization, to act as such until a permanent organization be effected. The remainder of the hour was occupied with short, practical talks.

The meeting was satisfactory throughout, a spirit of perfect harmony prevailing. The organization was not made under the influence of great enthusiasm, but of cool, deliberate judgment. It is thought that under it many will be enlisted who have hitherto held aloof, and it is certain that those who have espoused it have done so with a simple purpose of consecrated effort for the salvation of their fellows. We wish them God-speed. We shall be "laborers together."

Announcements of Railroad appointments will be made in the BULLETIN.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. D. Brown, lately elected Secretary of the Petersburg, Va., Association, is spending some time in visiting Northern Associations and studying their management and work. After spending a couple of weeks in New York, chiefly in the Newburg Association, he has come to spend a week with us.

WE were glad to have with us on Thursday Mr. E. D. Ingersoll, the Railroad Secretary of the International Committee, who assisted at the organization of the Railroad Branch. He was compelled to leave for New York at midnight of the same day.

REV. S. A. TAGGART also was with us, and remained until Friday noon. He went from here to Renovo, to hold a meeting with the Association there.

DIED—Monday, October 18, Wallace, son of T. Jefferson Gilman, aged thirteen years.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north winds breath;
But thou—thou hast all
Seasons for thine own, O, Death!"

Wallace was one of "Our Boys," having been enrolled two weeks previous to his death.

On Monday evening, while attempting to board a train at the depot, he was run over and instantly killed. His sudden death should be an effective sermon known and read of all the boys for many days.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Four hundred and seventy-five Boys' tickets have been issued.

Very large attendance in all parts of our Building this week.

As there is no parade to-night, we hope to have a large attendance at our Young Men's Meeting. Subject—A Young Man's Zeal Without Knowledge. Num. 11:24–29.

Program of study for Men's Bible Class for next quarter is withheld until next issue.

Subject of Men's Bible Class for to-morrow evening is "The Believer's Relationship to Christ."

The Service of Song last Sunday, led by Mr. R. D. List, is pronounced among the best held this season. Mr. McCauley will lead to-morrow afternoon, and the music will be made especially attractive.

Members whose addresses are changed will please notify us promptly of the fact. If the BULLETIN fails to make its weekly appearance we would be glad to know it so that we may correct the omission. We are about to prepare wrappers for the next half year, and should like to have our lists corrected at once.

THE Boys' Meeting last Monday was conducted by Rev. Geo. Sigler. His subject last year having been, "Choose, Begin, and Stick to it," he took up "Don't Stick to it," and showed the boys what vices to avoid. Blind John Kautz supplied the music with his violin and temperance songs. Mr. C. L. Boyer will doubtless furnish a pleasant evening for them next Monday.

ASSOCIATION ITEMS.

The Maryland State Convention is to be held at Shepardstown, W. Va., Nov. 25–28.

The Boston Association received much praise for the service it rendered at the celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the city, in providing refreshments for the men in procession.

Mr. W. N. Bessey, formerly General Secretary at Bradford, Pa., has been elected Assistant Secretary of the Harlem Branch, New York, and has already entered upon his duties.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE ON DUTY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30.

MONDAY.—John Hoover, Wm. Weeber.
TUESDAY.—A. L. Groff, J. L. Weaver.
WEDNESDAY.—C. W. Hillman.
THURSDAY.—E. D. Shellenberger, S. D. Ensinger.
FRIDAY.—John Wagner, W. A. Zollinger.
SATURDAY.—R. D. List.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 1880.

SUNDAY.....	9.00	A. M.	..Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
October 24.	9.00	"	..Young Men's Bible Class. David McConaughy, Jr.
	1.30	P. M.	..Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.
	3.15	"	..Service of Song. Association Hall. G. M. McCauley.
	3.30	"	..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00	"	..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
	6.00	"	..Service at City Hospital. Wm. H. McBride.
MONDAY.....	7.30	"	..Boys' Entertainment. Association Hall.
	8.30	"	..Meeting of Boys' Committee.
THURSDAY	7.30	"	..Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Dr. C. L. Ehrenfeld.
FRIDAY.....	7.00	"	..Boys' Literary Exercises.
	7.30	"	..Boys' Prayer Meeting. John C. Lynch.
	8.00	"	..Members' Literary Society. Readings, Declamations and Debate.
	8.45	"	..Executive Committee Meeting.
SATURDAY.....	8.00	"	..Young Men's Meeting. E. W. Saphore.

EVERY WEEK-DAY ..... 8.00 A. M.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
9.45 P. M.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

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TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*The Sword of the Spirit Invincible.* Matt iv. 1-11. J. D. Brown.

TUESDAY.....*The Hid Treasure.* Matt. xiii. 44. Rev. Galen Seiler.

WEDNESDAY.....*An Unexpected Meeting and its Happy Result.* Acts viii. 26-40. G. W. Mehaffey.

THURSDAY.....*Nathan – Sin Wisely and Faithfully Reproved.* 2 Sam. xii. 1-13; Ps. cxli. 5. C. A. Fahnestock.

FRIDAY.....*Christ Teaches that He is the Only Way of Salvation.* John viii. 21-24; iii. 17, 18; xiv. 5, 6. R. A. Richards.

SATURDAY .....*Joseph Sold into Egypt.* Gen. xxxvii. 1-5; 23-36. G. A. Lippincott.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

LADIES.....	5.15 to 6.15 P. M.	YOUTHS.....	7.30 to 8.30 P. M.
BOYS.....	6.15 to 7.15 P. M.	YOUNG MEN.....	8.45 to 9.45 P. M.

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Subjects for the Week Ending Nov. 6.

Public Meeting.—Bible Reading.—"Gifts of God."

Eternal Life.—John 10:28; John 3:36.

Rest.—Matt. 11:28; Jer. 6:16.

Peace.—John 14:27; Isa. 26:3, 4; Job 22:21.

Holy Spirit.—John 14:16; Ps. 51:12; Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:6.

Young Men's Meeting.—"One who Feared God Rather than Man."—Dan. 6:4–11; 25–28.

"THE COMMITTEE ROOM."

The Lecture Committee have their plans well under way, and we will soon be able to announce an attractive course for this season.

The Social Reception Committee have arranged for the first reception on the night of the second Tuesday of November. Owing to the influences now disturbing the social atmosphere, it is thought well not to have one this month.

The Cottage Prayer Meeting Committee are asked to meet in the Committee Room tonight, immediately after the Young Men's Meeting—8.45 o'clock. The time for cottage work has come, and no opportunity should be lost. The presence of every member of the committee, and of any others who are willing to assist, is earnestly desired.

GLEANINGS.

Dr. Adams, in his famous address of welcome to the Evangelical Alliance, said: "It has been said, whether by poetry or science it matters not, that there is a certain point in the upper air in which all discordant sounds of the earth, the rattle of wheels, the chime of bells, the roll of the drum, the laugh of the child, the moan of the beggar, meet and blend in perfect harmony." So in their highest experience Christians become one, all sects are united.

In a recent lecture in Chicago, Robert Ingersoll made the following inconsistent admission: "Let me say, once for all, that to that great and serene man [Jesus of Nazareth] I gladly pay—*gladly* pay—the homage of my admiration and my tears."

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